# THE HERMITE-HADAMARD'S INEQUALITY FOR SOME CONVEX FUNCTIONS VIA FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS AND RELATED RESULTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, firstly we have established Hermite-Hadamard's inequalities for s-convex functions in the second sense and m-convex functions via fractional integrals. Secondly, a Hadamard type integral inequality for the fractional integrals are obtained and these result have some relationships with [11, Theorem 1, page 28-29].

### 1. Introduction

Let real function f be defined on some nonempty interval I of real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . The function f is said to be convex on I if inequality

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \le \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

In [10], Hudzik and Maligranda considered, among others, the class of functions which are s-convex in the second sense. This class of functions is defined as the following:

**Definition 1.** A function  $f:[0,\infty)\to\mathbb{R}$  is said to be s-convex in the second sense if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \le \lambda^s f(x) + (1 - \lambda)^s f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ . This class of s-convex functions is usually denoted by  $K_s^2$ .

It can be easily seen that for s=1, s-convexity reduces to ordinary convexity of functions defined on  $[0,\infty)$ .

In [12], G. Toader considered the class of m-convex functions: another intermediate between the usual convexity and starshaped convexity.

**Definition 2.** The function  $f:[0,b] \to \mathbb{R}$ , b > 0, is said to be m-convex, where  $m \in [0,1]$ , if we have

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \le tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We say that f is m-concave if (-f) is m-convex.

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Obviously, for m=1 Definition 2 recaptures the concept of standard convex functions on [a,b], and for m=0 the concept starshaped functions.

One of the most famous inequalities for convex functions is Hadamard's inequality. This double inequality is stated as follows (see for example [14] and [5]): Let f be a convex function on some nonempty interval [a, b] of real line  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $a \neq b$ . Then

$$(1.1) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \le \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}.$$

Both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if f is concave. We note that Hadamard's inequality may be regarded as a refinement of the concept of convexity and it follows easily from Jensen's inequality. Hadamard's inequality for convex functions has received renewed attention in recent years and a remarkable variety of refinements and generalizations have been found (see, for example, [1]-[16]).

In [8], Hadamard's inequality which for s-convex functions in the second sense is proved by S.S. Dragomir and S. Fitzpatrick.

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $f:[0,\infty)\to [0,\infty)$  is an s-convex function in the second sense, where  $s\in (0,1)$ , and let  $a,b\in [0,\infty)$ , a< b. If  $f\in L^1([a,b])$ , then the following inequalities hold:

(1.2) 
$$2^{s-1}f(\frac{a+b}{2}) \le \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \le \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{s+1}.$$

The constant  $k = \frac{1}{s+1}$  is the best possible in the second inequality in (1.2).

In [11], Kirmaci et. al. established a new Hadamard-type inequality which holds for s-convex functions in the second sense. It is given in the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f: I \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $I \subset [0, \infty)$ , be a differentiable function on  $I^{\circ}$  such that  $f' \in L_1([a,b])$ , where  $a, b \in I$ , a < b. If  $|f'|^q$  is s-convex on [a,b] for some fixed  $s \in (0,1)$  and  $q \ge 1$ , then: (1.3)

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \right| \le \frac{b - a}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{q - 1}{q}} \left[ \frac{s + \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{s}}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ |f'(a)|^{q} + |f'(b)|^{q} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

We give some necessary definitions and mathematical preliminaries of fractional calculus theory which are used throughout this paper.

**Definition 3.** Let  $f \in L_1[a,b]$ . The Riemann-Liouville integrals  $J_{a+}^{\alpha}f$  and  $J_{b-}^{\alpha}f$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  with  $a \geq 0$  are defined by

$$J_{a+}^{\alpha}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t)dt, \quad x > a$$

and

$$J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x}^{b} (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, \quad x < b$$

respectively where  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} u^{\alpha-1} du$ . Here is  $J_{a+}^0 f(x) = J_{b-}^0 f(x) = f(x)$ .

In the case of  $\alpha=1$ , the fractional integral reduces to the classical integral. Properties concerning this operator can be found ([23],[24] and [25]).

For some recent results connected with fractional integral inequalities see ([17]-[27])

In [27] Sarıkaya et. al. proved a variant of the identity is established by Dragomir and Agarwal in [6, Lemma 2.1] for fractional integrals as the following:

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$ , be a differentiable mapping on (a,b) with a < b. If  $f' \in L[a,b]$ , then the following equality for fractional integrals holds:

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right]$$
(1.4)
$$= \frac{b - a}{2} \int_{0}^{1} \left[ (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right] f'(ta + (1 - t)b) dt.$$

The aim of this paper is to establish Hadamard's inequality and Hadamard type inequalities for s-convex functions in the second sense and m-conex functions via Riemann-Liouville fractional integral.

## 2. Hermite-Hadamard Type Inequalities for some convex functions via Fractional Integrals

2.1. For s-convex functions. Hadamard's inequality can be represented for s-convex functions in fractional integral forms as follows:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function with  $0 \le a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a,b]$ . If f is a s-convex mapping in the second sense on [a,b], then the following inequalities for fractional integrals with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $s \in (0,1)$  hold: (2.1)

$$2^{s-1}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \left[ \frac{J_{a+}^{\alpha}f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha}f(a)}{2} \right] \le \left[ \frac{1}{(\alpha+s)} + \beta(\alpha,s+1) \right] \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

where  $\beta$  is Euler Beta function.

*Proof.* Since f is a s-convex mapping in the second sense on [a,b], we have for  $x,y\in [a,b]$  with  $\lambda=\frac{1}{2}$ 

$$\left(2.2\right) \qquad f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \le \frac{f\left(x\right) + f\left(y\right)}{2^{s}}.$$

Now, let x = ta + (1-t)b and y = (1-t)a + tb with  $t \in [0,1]$ . Then, we get by (2.2) that:

(2.3) 
$$2^{s} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le f\left(ta + (1-t)b\right) + f\left((1-t)a + tb\right)$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Multiplying both sides of (2.3) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$ , then integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over [0,1], we obtain

$$\frac{2^{s}}{\alpha} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) 
\leq \int_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha-1} f(ta+(1-t)b) dt + \int_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha-1} f((1-t)a+tb) dt 
= \frac{1}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \int_{a}^{b} (b-u)^{\alpha-1} f(u) du - \frac{1}{(a-b)^{\alpha}} \int_{a}^{b} (a-v)^{\alpha-1} f(v) dv 
= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right]$$

i.e.

$$2^{s-1}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \left[ \frac{J_{a+}^{\alpha}f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha}f(a)}{2} \right]$$

and the first inequality is proved.

For the proof of the second inequality in (2.1) we first note that if f is a s-convex mapping in the second sense, then, for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , it yields

$$f(ta + (1-t)b) \le t^s f(a) + (1-t)^s f(b)$$

and

$$f((1-t)a + tb) \le (1-t)^s f(a) + t^s f(b).$$

By adding these inequalities we have

$$(2.4) f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb) \le [t^s + (1-t)^s](f(a) + f(b)).$$

Thus, multiplying both sides of (2.4) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$  and integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over [0, 1], we obtain

$$\int_0^1 t^{\alpha - 1} f(ta + (1 - t)b) dt + \int_0^1 t^{\alpha - 1} f((1 - t)a + tb) dt$$

$$\leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha - 1} [t^s + (1 - t)^s] dt$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \le \left[ 1 + (\alpha+s) \beta(\alpha,s+1) \right] \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{(\alpha+s)}$$

where the proof is completed.

**Remark 1.** If we choose  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 3, then the inequalities (2.1) become the inequalities (1.2) of Theorem 1.

Using Lemma 1, we can obtain the following fractional integral inequality for s-convex in the second sense:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f:[a,b] \subset [0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping on (a,b) with a < b such that  $f' \in L[a,b]$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is s-convex in the second sense on [a,b] for

some fixed  $s \in (0,1)$  and  $q \ge 1$ , then the following inequality for fractional integrals holds:

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \right|$$

$$(2.5)$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{\alpha + 1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\alpha}} \right) \right]^{\frac{q - 1}{q}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; s + 1, \alpha + 1 \right) - \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; \alpha + 1, s + 1 \right) + \frac{2^{\alpha + s} - 1}{(\alpha + s + 1) 2^{\alpha + s}} \right\} \left( |f'(a)|^q + |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that q=1. From Lemma 1 and using the properties of modulus, we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right| \left| f'(ta + (1 - t)b) \right| dt.$$

Since |f'| is s-convex on [a, b], we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right| \left[ t^{s} \left| f'(a) \right| + (1 - t)^{s} \left| f'(b) \right| \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{b - a}{2} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right] \left[ t^{s} \left| f'(a) \right| + (1 - t)^{s} \left| f'(b) \right| \right] dt \right\}$$

$$+ \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} \left[ t^{\alpha} - (1 - t)^{\alpha} \right] \left[ t^{s} \left| f'(a) \right| + (1 - t)^{s} \left| f'(b) \right| \right] dt \right\}$$

$$= \frac{b - a}{2} \left\{ \left| f'(a) \right| \right| \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{s} (1 - t)^{\alpha} dt - \left| f'(a) \right| \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{s + \alpha} dt \right.$$

$$+ \left| f'(b) \right| \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - t)^{s + \alpha} dt - \left| f'(b) \right| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - t)^{s} t^{\alpha} dt$$

$$+ \left| f'(a) \right| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} t^{\alpha + s} dt - \left| f'(a) \right| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} (1 - t)^{s + \alpha} dt$$

$$+ \left| f'(b) \right| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} (1 - t)^{s} t^{\alpha} dt - \left| f'(b) \right| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} (1 - t)^{s + \alpha} dt.$$

Since

$$\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{s} (1-t)^{\alpha} dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} (1-t)^{s} t^{\alpha} dt = \beta \left(\frac{1}{2}; s+1, \alpha+1\right),$$

$$\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^{s} t^{\alpha} dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} t^{s} (1-t)^{\alpha} dt = \beta \left(\frac{1}{2}; \alpha+1, s+1\right),$$

$$\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{s+\alpha} dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} (1-t)^{s+\alpha} dt = \frac{1}{2^{s+\alpha+1} (s+\alpha+1)}$$

and

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^{s+\alpha} dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t^{s+\alpha} dt = \frac{1}{(s+\alpha+1)} - \frac{1}{2^{s+\alpha+1}(s+\alpha+1)}.$$

We obtain

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ |f'(a)| + |f'(b)| \right] \left\{ \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; s+1, \alpha+1 \right) - \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; \alpha+1, s+1 \right) + \frac{2^{\alpha+s}-1}{(\alpha+s+1) 2^{\alpha+s}} \right\}$$

which completes the proof for this case. Suppose now that q > 1. Since  $|f'|^q$  is s-convex on [a, b], we know that for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ 

$$|f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^{q} \le t^{s} |f'(a)|^{q} + (1-t)^{s} |f'(b)|^{q},$$

so using well know Hölder's inequality (see for example [?]) for  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , (q > 1) and (2.8) in (2.6), we have successively

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^{\alpha}} \left[ J_{a+}^{\alpha} f(b) + J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right| \left| f'(ta + (1 - t)b) \right| dt$$

$$= \frac{b - a}{2} \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right|^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right|^{\frac{1}{q}} \left| f'(ta + (1 - t)b) \right| dt$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right| dt \right)^{\frac{q - 1}{q}} \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| (1 - t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right| \left| f'(ta + (1 - t)b) \right|^{q} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq \frac{b - a}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{\alpha + 1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\alpha}} \right) \right]^{\frac{q - 1}{q}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; s + 1, \alpha + 1 \right) - \beta \left( \frac{1}{2}; s + 1, \alpha + 1 \right) + \frac{2^{\alpha + s} - 1}{(\alpha + s + 1)2^{\alpha + s}} \right\} \left( \left| f'(a) \right|^{q} + \left| f'(b) \right|^{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

where we use the fact that

$$\int_0^1 |(1-t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha}| \, dt = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ (1-t)^{\alpha} - t^{\alpha} \right] dt + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \left[ t^{\alpha} - (1-t)^{\alpha} \right] dt = \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\alpha}} \right)$$

which completes the proof.

**Remark 2.** If we take  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 4, then the inequality (2.5) becomes the inequality (1.3) of Theorem 2.

### 2.2. For m-convex functions. We start with the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f:[0,\infty] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function with  $0 \le a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a,b]$ . If f is m-convex mapping on [a,b], then the following inequalities for fractional integral with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $m \in (0,1]$  hold:

$$(2.9 \frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} f\left(\frac{m(a+b)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{(mb-ma)^{\alpha}} J^{\alpha}_{(ma)} + f(mb) + \frac{m}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} J^{\alpha}_{b^{-}} f(a)$$

$$\leq \frac{f(ma) + m^{2} f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)}{(\alpha+1)} + m \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{\alpha(\alpha+1)}$$

*Proof.* Since f is m-convex functions, we have

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \le tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y)$$

and if we choose  $t = \frac{1}{2}$  we get

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+my)\right) \le \frac{f(x)+mf(y)}{2}$$

Now, let x = mta + m(1-t)b and y = (1-t)a + tb with  $t \in [0,1]$ . Then we get

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}(mta + m(1-t)b + m(1-t)a + mtb)\right) \leq \frac{f(mta + m(1-t)b) + mf((1-t)a + tb)}{2}$$

$$(2.10) \qquad f\left(\frac{1}{2}m(a+b)\right) \leq \frac{f(mta + m(1-t)b) + mf((1-t)a + tb)}{2}.$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.10) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$ , then integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over [0,1], we obtain

$$\begin{split} f\left(\frac{1}{2}m\left(a+b\right)\right) \int\limits_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha-1} dt & \leq & \frac{1}{2} \int\limits_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha-1} f(mta+m(1-t)b) dt + \frac{m}{2} \int\limits_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha-1} f((1-t)a+tb) dt \\ & \frac{1}{\alpha} f\left(\frac{1}{2}m\left(a+b\right)\right) & \leq & \frac{1}{2} \int\limits_{mb}^{ma} \left(\frac{u-mb}{ma-mb}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(u) \frac{du}{m(a-b)} + \frac{m}{2} \int\limits_{a}^{b} \left(\frac{v-a}{b-a}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(v) \frac{dv}{b-a} \\ & \leq & \frac{1}{2(mb-ma)^{\alpha}} \int\limits_{ma}^{mb} (mb-u)^{\alpha-1} f(u) du + \frac{m}{2} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} J_{b-}^{\alpha} f(a) \end{split}$$

which the first inequality is proved.

By the m-convexity of f, we also have

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ f(mta + m(1-t)b) + mf((1-t)a + tb) \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ mtf(a) + m(1-t)f(b) + m(1-t)f(a) + m^2 f(\frac{b}{m}) \right]$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ . Multiplying both sides of above inequality by  $t^{\alpha-1}$  and integrating over  $t \in [0,1]$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{(mb - ma)^{\alpha}} \int_{ma}^{mb} (mb - u)^{\alpha - 1} f(u) du + \frac{m}{(b - a)^{\alpha}} \int_{a}^{b} (v - a)^{\alpha - 1} f(v) dv$$

$$\leq \frac{f(ma) + m^{2} f(\frac{b}{m})}{(\alpha + 1)} + m \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}$$

which this gives the second part of (2.9).

**Corollary 1.** Under the conditions in Theorem 5 with  $\alpha = 1$ , then the following inequality hold:

$$(2.11) f\left(\frac{m(a+b)}{2}\right) \le \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_{a}^{b} \frac{f(mx) + mf(x)}{2} dx$$

$$\le \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{f(ma) + m^{2}f(\frac{b}{m})}{2} + m\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right].$$

**Remark 3.** If we take m = 1 in Corollary 1, then the inequalities (2.11) become the inequalities (1.1).

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f:[0,\infty] \to \mathbb{R}$ , be m-convex functions with  $m \in (0,1]$ ,  $0 \le a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a,b]$ .  $F(x,y)_{(t)}:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  are defined as the following:

$$F(x,y)_{(t)} = \frac{1}{2} [f(tx + m(1-t)y) + f((1-t)x + mty)].$$

Then, we have

$$\frac{1}{(b-a)^{\alpha}} \int_{a}^{b} (b-u)^{\alpha-1} F\left(u, \frac{a+b}{2}\right)_{\left(\frac{b-u}{b-a}\right)} du \le \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{2(b-a)^{\alpha}} J_{a}^{\alpha} f(b) + \frac{m}{2\alpha} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Since f and g are m-convex functions, we have

$$F(x,y)_{(t)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y) + (1-t)f(x) + mtf(y) \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ f(x) + mf(y) \right]$$

and so,

$$F\left(x, \frac{a+b}{2}\right)_{(t)} \le \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x) + mf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right].$$

If we choose x = ta + (1 - t)b, we have

$$(2.12) F\left(ta + (1-t)b, \frac{a+b}{2}\right)_{(t)} \le \frac{1}{2}\left[f(ta + (1-t)b) + mf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right].$$

Thus multiplying both sides of (2.12) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$ , then integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over [0,1], we obtain

$$\int_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha - 1} F\left(ta + (1 - t)b, \frac{a + b}{2}\right)_{(t)} dt \le \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha - 1} f(ta + (1 - t)b) dt + \int_{0}^{1} t^{\alpha - 1} m f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) dt\right].$$

Thus, if we use the change of the variable u = ta + (1 - t)b,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then have the conclusion.

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